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Sent: 7/16/2018 4:56:20 PM
To: Laurie.Walsh@waterboards.ca.gov
CC: Kozelka, Peter [Kozelka.Peter@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Meeting Request

Hi Laurie- Hope the summer is treating you well. Per my voicemail, I am forwarding an email chain concerning the use of instream restoration and/or (I think) placement of stormwater collection/infiltration facilities to address stormwater control requirements. Looks like some BIA folks are seeking a meeting with us about this. I can provide an update on things as I understand them to my boss (not very well, I'm afraid), but I'd like to talk with you so I accurately represent the Water Board's views on this. Please call at your earliest convenience. Many thanks!

Dave

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From: Blake, Ellen
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 8:48 AM
To: Smith, DavidW <Smith.DavidW@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Meeting Request

Can you give me a quick download on this issue? TT will meet with them.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Strauss, Alexis" <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>
Date: July 13, 2018 at 1:21:44 PM PDT
To: Jeff O'Connor <jcoconnor@hfc-ca.com>
Cc: James Whalen <james@jwhalen.net>, Mike McSweeney <MMcSweeney@biasandiego.org>, "Busterud, Gretchen" <Busterud.Gretchen@epa.gov>, "Torres, Tomas" <Torres.Tomas@epa.gov>, "Blake, Ellen" <Blake.Ellen@epa.gov>, "Kermish, Laurie" <Kermish.Laurie@epa.gov>, "gibson.david@waterboards.ca.gov" <gibson.david@waterboards.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request

Mr. O'Connor,
Thank you for your note. I'll work with our team here and reply to you next week.
Kind regards,
Alexis

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From: Kari M. Byrne [<mailto:KByrne@hfc-ca.com>] **On Behalf Of** Jeff O'Connor
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 1:10 PM
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Subject: Meeting Request

Dear Ms. Strauss:

I would like to request to meet with you again on the San Diego area's stormwater planning. Last December, Michael McSweeney of the San Diego Building Industry Association (BIA) and I met with you on various issues, including alternative compliance mechanisms such as creating or restoring wetlands for the purpose of treating runoff from large areas. The only way our region will be able to efficiently tackle the need to clean up polluted runoff from existing developed areas is with properly located, appropriately-sized facilities. While this may seem like a straightforward and cost-effective approach, we have been told by counsel for the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board that it is forbidden to use instream restoration for this purpose. All other resource agencies allow this, so we are perplexed and wish to seek your assistance.

For this visit, we would be joined by James Whalen, who is a Planning Commissioner in the City of San Diego, and also happens to be the chair of the BIA's legislative committee. Our goal is to seek EPA clarification that instream restoration is an acceptable practice. We are available through August, if that works for you. Our timing is driven in part by an upcoming workshop September 13th at the City of San Diego's Planning Commission on integrating stormwater management into natural resource planning, and all four resource agencies have indicated they will participate, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and of course, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. Having an indication of support from the EPA would set the record straight.

Thank you for considering this request.

Jeff O'Connor

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